

**DEATH IN THE SUBWAY.**  
A Singular Accident at a Manhole Suffocates an Electrician.

Leonard Jones, an electrician in the employ of the Western Electric Company, which looks after the wires in the subway of the Electrical Octopus Company, was suffocated in the subway manhole near the corner of Thirty-second and Sixth avenue, yesterday, and Walter Harper of Brooklyn, a fellow workman, narrowly escaped death at the same time.

The two men had been sent to unite some wires in the subway at that point. The manholes are not much over five feet deep and are large enough for two men to work in comfortably. To prevent the wind from blowing loose snow and dust into the open hole and also to aid them in keeping warm the men put up a canvas screen on the windward side.

There are supposed to be at least three men in each gang of subway workmen, and one is supposed to watch outside while men are in the manhole. A man named Denis Condin is said to have been left outside at this manhole yesterday to see that no accident happened while Jones and Harper were inside.

If this is true, he neglected his duty, for about half an hour after the electricians began connecting wires in manholes it was necessary to say that no man had been down, covering the manhole completely. A stranger raised the canvas and saw two men lying in the bottom of the hole, and when he called for help, as far as possible the men were little hit. Harper, who lay on top of Jones, was first got to the surface and Jones a few moments later.

Three other workmen, who had just come to the manhole, which had just been gutted, and they at once attempted to resuscitate Jones, who was evidently nearest death. Their efforts failed, and in a few minutes he was dead.

An ambulance had meantime been called by the police and had taken Harper to the New York Hospital, where he was quickly put out of danger. He was unconscious, but the doctors would not allow him to be questioned about the accident.

The body of Jones was taken to the Thirteenth Street Hospital, where Dr. Coroner Scholten made an autopsy, and decided that death had resulted from asphyxiation. The lungs of the dead man were filled with what seemed to be a combination of coal smoke, illuminating gas, and which had undoubtedly leaked into the manhole from the sewers and mains with which the street is supplied. The man probably died from the fall of the screen at first, if it would seem to add to the probability of asphyxiation in the air. When they discovered their danger the gas had already made them too weak to escape.

John D. Hayes, of the Subway Company who was sent to investigate the accident, lays all the blame upon the man who should have been watching outside the manhole.

In the meantime, in the direction the men worked, called at the Thirtieth street station soon after the accident and seemed completely unbroken by the death of Jones. He said that Jones had been a good man, and that he himself had himself induced to come here from Boston only three weeks ago, and who had left a wife and family in that city. Mr. Carter and other members of the Boston workmen's club were allowed to take charge of his body.

**STIRRED IT UP AND STOPPED.**  
Municipal Proceedings with the Nuisance Under the City Hall.

Superintendent Bergen of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies said yesterday that it would be impossible for him to go on with the repairs in the City Hall plumbing until he had received a permit from the Board of Health.

Meanwhile all work is stopped, the trench in the basement remains open, and the City Hall is filled with offensive odors.

President Bayles of the Board of Health says that this state of affairs is not the fault of his department. He says that Superintendent Bergen came up there last Thursday with what he called a plan of the new plumbing work, and wanted it approved. It was worthless as a plan, "showing one vertical and one horizontal pipe beginning at nothing and ending nowhere, three service tanks, and a few bushels of pipes, with no explanation, no dimensions, and no specifications."

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